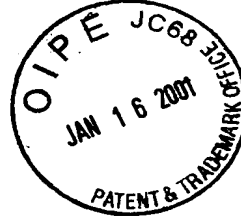


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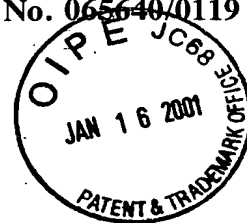
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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

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**CONCISE EXPLANATION OF  
RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT**

The foregoing documents came to Applicants' attention during the examination of the corresponding PCT Application. A copy of the search report setting forth the portion of the reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached.

**TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE**

This information disclosure statement is being filed before the mailing of a first office action on the merits.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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